

# Utah Wildlife Board Meeting

September 28, 2017, DNR, Boardroom  
1594 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah

The meeting can be viewed live at  
<https://youtu.be/Zb2YAO7ORBk>  
REVISED September 26, 2017

**Thursday, September 28, 2017, 9:00 am**

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| 1. Approval of Agenda<br>– Kirk Woodward, Chairman  | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 2. Approval of Minutes<br>– Kirk Woodward, Chairman   | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 3. Old Business/Action Log<br>– Byron Bateman, Vice-Chair<br>–Early Rifle Deer Hunt<br>–LE Deer Hunts on GS units<br>–Velvet only deer hunts<br>–Mt. Goats on Deep Creeks<br>–Mt. Goat Transplants<br>–End cow elk hunts by December 31<br>–Shed Antler Gathering | <b>CONTINGENT</b>  |
| 4. DWR Update<br>– Mike Fowlks, DWR Director  | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| 5. Conservation Permit Annual Report<br>– Justin Shannon, Wildlife Section Chief  | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 6. Conservation Permit Audit<br>– Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief  | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 7. 2018 RAC/Board Dates<br>– Staci Coons, Wildlife Board Coordinator  | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 8. Proposal to create Furbearer/Trapping Rule Working Group<br>– Darren DeBlois, Mammals Program Coordinator  | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 9. Other Business<br>– Kirk Woodward, Chairman<br>• Winter WAFWA  | <b>CONTINGENT</b>  |

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**Wildlife Board Motions**

Following is a summary of Wildlife Board motions directing the Division to take action and the response to date:

**Fall 2017 - Target Date – CWMU Single Permits**

**MOTION: I move that we ask the Division to look into the possibility of issuing 2 permits every other year for CWMUs that currently only have one public permit, so bonus points are an advantage.**

Motion made by: Kirk Woodward  
Assigned to: Covy Jones  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Will be addressed during the November RAC and Board tour  
Placed on Action Log: December 9, 2016

**Fall 2017 - Target Date – Shed Antler Gathering**

**MOTION: I move that we add to the action log a Division review of the shed antler gathering and provide an informational report at the upcoming November RAC.**

Motion made by: Byron Bateman  
Assigned to: Justin Shannon  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Will be addressed September 28, 2017  
Placed on Action Log: April 27, 2017

**Fall 2017 - Target Date – 2<sup>nd</sup> General Season Rifle Hunt**

**MOTION: I move that we add to the action log a request to have the Division look at the possibility of a second General Season Rifle deer hunt on select units that runs 5 days during the Spike elk hunt (no weekends) and that the Zion and Pine Valley units be considered.**

Motion made by: John Bair  
Assigned to: Justin Shannon  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Will be addressed September 28, 2017  
Placed on Action Log: April 27, 2017

**Fall 2017 - Target Date – LE Late Season Muzzleloader hunts on GS Units**

**MOTION: I move that we add to the action log a request to have the Division look at the possibility of Limited Entry late season muzzleloader hunts on General Season units with buck to doe ratios at or above the objectives.**

Motion made by: John Bair  
Assigned to: Justin Shannon  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Will be addressed September 28, 2017  
Placed on Action Log: April 27, 2017

**Fall 2017 - Target Date – Velvet- Only Buck Hunts on the Paunsaugunt**

**MOTION: I move that we add to the action log a request to have the Division look at adding a Velvet-only buck hunt in November on the Paunsaugunt unit to address “Cactus” bucks.**

Motion made by: John Bair  
Assigned to: Justin Shannon  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Will be addressed September 28, 2017  
Placed on Action Log: April 27, 2017

**Fall 2017 - Target Date – Mountain Goats on the Deep Creeks**

**MOTION: I move that we add to the action log a request for the Division to review placing Mountain Goats on the Deep Creeks and to have a recommendation ready by this fall.**

Motion made by: John Bair  
Assigned to: Rusty Robinson  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Update September 28, 2017  
Placed on Action Log: April 27, 2017

**Fall 2017 - Target Date – Mountain Goat Transplants**

**MOTION: I move that we add to the action log a request to have the Division investigate potential transplant sites for Mountain Goat including the possibility of Manti, Pahvant, Logan, and North Farmington Peak and to bring a recommendation back to the board including a map of historical ranges and a timeline for transplants.**

Motion made by: John Bair  
Assigned to: Rusty Robinson  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Update September 28, 2017  
Placed on Action Log: April 27, 2017

**Fall 2017 - Target Date – Antlerless Public Hunt Ending Dates**

**MOTION: I move that we add to the action log a request to have the Division look at ending all Antlerless public hunts by December 31.**

Motion made by: Byron Bateman  
Assigned to: Justin Shannon  
Action: Under Study  
Status: Update September 28, 2017  
Placed on Action Log: April 27, 2017

**Spring 2018 - Target Date – Big Game Baiting Issues**

**MOTION: I move that we add to the action log item a report in spring 2018 from DWR's big game coordinator on the review of big game baiting issues.**

Motion made by: Kirk Woodward

Assigned to: Justin Shannon

Action: Under Study

Status: Scheduled for the April/May 2018 RAC and Board Tour

Placed on Action Log: August 31, 2017

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**August 31, 2017, DNR Auditorium**  
**1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah**  
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**AGENDA**

**Thursday, August 31, 2017, Board Meeting 9:00 am**

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| 4. DWR Update<br>– Mike Fowlks, DWR Director  | <b>INFORMATION</b> |
| 5. R657-23 – Hunter Education Rule Amendments<br>- Gary Cook, Hunter Education Coordinator              | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 6. R657-11 – Furbearer Rule Amendments<br>- Darren DeBloois, Mammals Coordinator                        | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 7. Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2017-2018<br>- Darren DeBloois, Mammals Coordinator | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 8. Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2017-2018<br>– Darren DeBloois, Mammals Coordinator   | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 9. Beaver Management Plan<br>- Darren DeBloois, Mammals Coordinator                                     | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 10. Expo Permit Audit<br>- Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief                         | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 11. Expo Permit Allocation<br>- Kenny Johnson, Administrative Services Section Chief                    | <b>ACTION</b>      |
| 12. Other Business<br>– Kirk Woodward, Chairman   | <b>CONTINGENT</b>  |

Details of the specific recommendations can be found at [www.wildlife.utah.gov](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov)

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**Summary of Motions**

1) Approval of Agenda (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda.**

2) Approval of Minutes (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the June 1, 2017 Wildlife Board Meeting.**

3) R657-23 – Hunter Education Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve R657-23 Hunter Education Rule Amendments as presented by the Division.**

4) Furbearer Rule Amendments (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Donnie Hunter and failed. Karl Hirst, Byron Bateman, and Steve Dalton opposed. The vote was 3:3. Chairman Woodward broke the tie in opposition of the motion.

**MOTION: I move that we table the vote at this time and revisit it at the September 28 board meeting.**

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed 4:3. Donnie Hunter, Calvin Crandall, and Kevin Albrecht opposed. Chairman Woodward broke the tie in favor of the motion.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Furbearer Rule Amendments as presented by the Division.**

5) Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2017-2018 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations as presented.**

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we amend the agenda to switch the presentation order of items 8 and 9.**

6) Beaver Management Plan (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Beaver Management Plan as presented by the Division.**

7) Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2017-2018 (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Cougar Recommendations as presented with a reallocation of permits on the Southwest Manti by four for a total of 12 permits, and on the Southeast Manti by two for a total of 18 permits. In addition, the Northwest and Southwest Manti units will be changed to split-season units.**

8) Expo Permit Audit (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Expo Permit Audit as presented.**

9) Expo Permit Allocation (**Action**)

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Expo Permit Allocation with the listed changes for next year's expo tags.**

10) Other Business (**Contingent**)

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we add to the action log item a report in spring 2018 from DWR's big game coordinator on the review of big game baiting issues.**

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we authorize the Chairman of the Wildlife Board to draft a letter to the Parks Service expressing our support for translocating sheep out of Zions National Park into predetermined areas of the state of Utah.**

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Attendance

**Wildlife Board**

Kirk Woodward – Chair  
Byron Bateman – Vice-Chair  
Mike Fowlks – Exec Sec  
Kevin Albrecht  
Calvin Crandall  
Donnie Hunter  
Karl Hirst  
Steve Dalton

**RAC Chairs**

Central – Ron Camp  
Southern – Dave Black  
Southeastern – L Kent Johnson  
Northeastern – Dan Abeyta  
Northern – Bryce Thurgood

**Division Personnel**

Rory Reynolds	Riley Peck
Mike Canning	Randy Wood
Bill Bates	Dax Mangus
Boyde Blackwell	Guy Wallace
Kevin Bunnell	Mike Christensen
Justin Dolling	Paul Gedge
Jason Vernon	Staci Coons
Chris Wood	Thu Vo-Wood
Martin Bushman	J Shirley
Greg Hansen	Scott White
Justin Shannon	Sarah Scott
Rick Olson	Linda Braithwaite
Kenny Johnson	Lindy Varney
Robin Cahoon	Gary Cook
Teresa Griffin	Darren DeBloois

**Public Present**

Rich Peterson	Dan Cockayne –UT Houndsmen Association
Amanda Plustwik	Sherri Morgan-Perks – Voices of Wildlife
Thomas Plustwik	Bryan Perkes – Voices of Wildlife
Bob Brister	Sterling Brown – UT Farm Bureau
Ron Holt	Mike Cori
Amy O’Neill	Nick Gallegos
Ken Strong	Mike Worthen – Iron County Commission
Brian Fienhold	Chris Carling – SFW
David Earl	Scott Bye – Voices of Wildlife
Annette Davis	Al Robb – UT Trappers Association
Jerry Davis	Brett Selman – UT Wool Growers Association
Erin Alberty	Kirk Robinson – Western Wildlife Conservancy
Rod Deder	Jeremy Snitker – MDF
Ryan Benson	Bill Christensen - RMEF
Todd Parker	Erika Wangsgaad
Robert Trotman	Paul Zuckerman
Morgan Fosberg	John Ziegler
Christine Helfrich	Sundays Hunt – Humane Society of US
Sheri Morgan-Perkes	Ivan Hunt
Denise Peterson	Deann Shepherd- Humane Society of Utah
Angelika Davis	Allison Jones – Wild Utah Project
Jan Ellen Burton	

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**00:00:16** Chairman Woodward called the meeting to order, welcomed the audience, and had each member of the board and RAC introduce themselves. He reviewed the protocols of the public process and encouraged the public to get involved.

**00:05:09** **1) Approval of Agenda (Action)**  
The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the agenda as presented.**

**00:05:30** **2) Approval of Minutes (Action)**  
The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Karl Hirst and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the minutes of the June 1, 2017 meeting as presented.**

**00:06:15** **3) Old Business/Action Log (Contingent)**  
None at this time.

**00:06:37** **4) DWR Update (Informational)**  
Mike Fowlks announced changes in DWR staffing, welcomed new board members, updated the board on several litigations, SITLA access agreement, property acquisitions, construction projects, and the start of the hunt season. Byron Bateman summarized his attendance at WAFWA and Tri-State.

**00:24:48** **5) R657-23 – Hunter Education Rule Amendments (Action)**  
Gary Cook presented the Hunter Education Rule Amendments.

**00:30:17** **Board Questions**  
The board asked about online and classroom course options, furharvester education, military exemptions for live fire training, and staffing to support application verification.

**00:36:00** **RAC Recommendations**  
All RACs unanimously approved the rule amendments.

**00:37:11** **Board Discussion**  
Chairman Woodward reviewed the regional votes.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve R657-23 Hunter Education Rule Amendments as presented by the Division.**

**00:38:00 6) R657-11 – Furbearer Rule Amendments (Action)**

Darren DeBloois presented the rule amendments for R657-11. He noted recommended changes that were incorporated following the RAC meetings.

**00:50:10 Board Questions**

The board asked about unintended trappings of other animals, comparison of the current and new rule, the Utah Trappers Association letter, and cooperative and coordination efforts with the Department of Agriculture.

**01:06:11 Public Questions**

Public questions were accepted at this time.

**01:12:35 RAC Recommendations**

Each RAC passed the rule amendments with varying stipulations.

**01:19:40 Public Comments**

Public comments were accepted at this time.

**01:38:26 Board Discussion**

Chairman Woodward summarized the RAC motions and vote. The Board discussed authority to apply rule, trap check times, livestock owners' concerns, and postponing vote until more research is done.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Donnie Hunter and failed. Karl Hirst, Byron Bateman, and Steve Dalton opposed. The vote was 3:3. Chairman Woodward broke the tie in opposition of the motion.

**MOTION: I move that we table the vote at this time and revisit it at the September 28 board meeting.**

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Byron Bateman and passed 4:3. Donnie Hunter, Calvin Crandall, and Kevin Albrecht opposed. Chairman Woodward broke the tie in favor of the motion.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Furbearer Rule Amendments as presented by the Division.**

**02:07:23 7) Furbearer and Bobcat Harvest Recommendations for 2017-2018 (Action)**

Darren DeBloois presented the harvest recommendations.

**02:14:49 Public Questions**

Public questions were accepted at this time.

**02:15:42 RAC Recommendations**

Northern, Central, Southern, and Southeast RACs unanimously passed the harvest recommendations. Central requested an extension on the closure date. Northeast passed the recommendations with one dissent.

**02:17:32 Public Comments**

Public comments were accepted at this time.

**02:21:18 Board Discussion**

Chairman Woodward summarized the RAC votes. The board discussed concerns about random jaw samples and its purpose, and pine martin harvest.

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the furbearer and bobcat harvest recommendations as presented.**

For timing purposes, Chairman Woodward suggested switching the next two items of discussion to allow for uninterrupted discussion on cougar recommendations and rule amendments after the lunch break.

The following motion was made by Donnie Hunter, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we amend the agenda to switch the presentation order of items 8 and 9.**

**02:31:22 8) Beaver Management Plan (Action)**

Darren DeBloois presented the beaver management plan.

**02:40:53 Board Questions**

The board asked about relocating beavers.

**02:41:56 Public Questions**

Public questions were accepted at this time.

**02:42:56 RAC Recommendations**

All RACs passed the plan unanimously.

**02:43:46 Public Comments**

Public comments were accepted at this time.

**02:44:15 Board Discussion**

The following motion was made by Kevin Albrecht, seconded by Steve Dalton and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Beaver Management Plan as presented by the Division.**

**03:42:30 9) Cougar Recommendations and Rule Amendments for 2017-2018 (Action)**

Darren DeBloois presented the cougar recommendations and amendments.

**04:01:36 Board/RAC Questions**

The board asked about hound restrictions on the new Salt Lake unit, concerns with permit increase in relation to cougar population, public safety data, and overall increase in permit numbers.

**04:05:21 Public Questions**

Public questions were accepted at this time.

**04:23:15 RAC Recommendations**

All RACs except Central and Southeast unanimously passed the cougar recommendations and rule amendments. Southeast passed in favor 10 to 2 and included an increase in permit allocations and unit change. Central passed it 8 to 1.

**04:26:00 Public Comments**

Public comments were accepted at this time.

**05:15:00 Board Discussion**

Chairman Woodward summarized the RAC votes. The board discussed livestock depredation in correlation to cougar population, the purpose and impact of harvesting cougars, estimate of annual harvest for this year, public comments and opportunities to address issue, and scientific data.

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Kevin Albrecht and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Cougar Recommendations as presented with a reallocation of permits on the Southwest Manti by four for a total of 12 permits and on the Southeast Manti by two for a total of 18 permits. In addition, the Northwest and Southwest Manti units will be changed to split-season units.**

**05:31:30 10) Expo Permit Audit (Action)**

Kenny Johnson presented the permit audit.

**05:48:40 Board Questions**

The board discussed presenting the audit as an informational item at the RAC for transparency and public support.

**05:56:27 RAC Questions**

Ron Camp asked for clarification on project selection based on fund deadlines and proper separation of expo and conservation funds.

**05:59:40 Public Comments**

Public comments were accepted at this time.

**06:05:40 Board Discussion**

The following motion was made by Calvin Crandall, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we approve the Expo Permit Audit as presented.**

**06:06:11 11) Expo Permit Allocation (Action)**

Kenny Johnson presented the permit allocation.

**06:08:35 Public Comments**

Public comments were accepted at this time.

**06:09:40 Board Discussion**

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we accept the Expo Permit Allocation with the listed changes for next year's expo tags.**

**06:10:43 12) Other Business (Contingent)**

Chairman Woodward opened a discussion on the cougar management plan presentation cycle and baiting. He proposed creating an action log item for baiting issue. Further discussion ensued.

The following motion was made by Kirk Woodward, seconded by Calvin Crandall and passed unanimously.

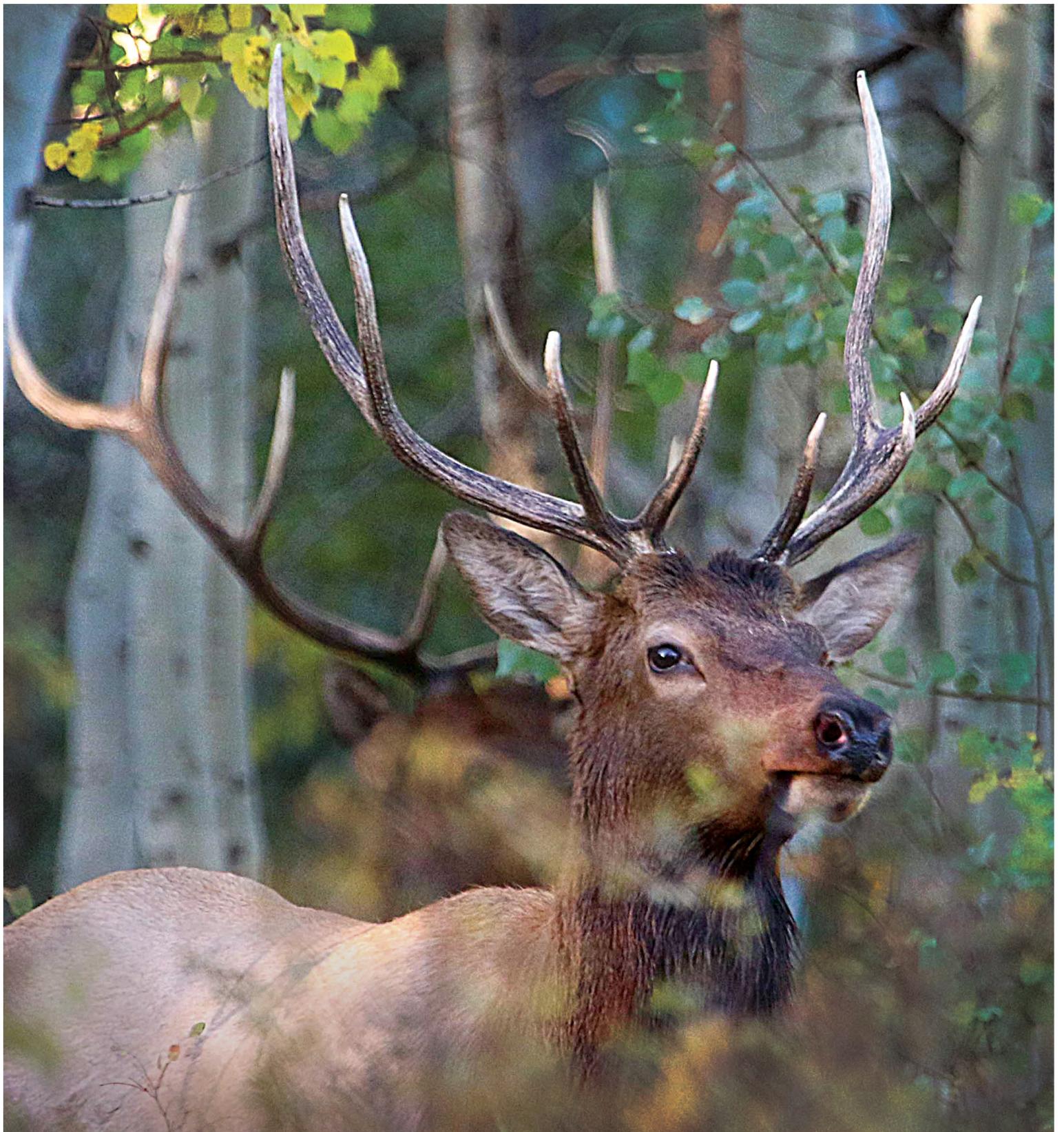
**MOTION: I move that we add to the action log item a report in spring 2018 from DWR's big game coordinator on the review of big game baiting issues.**

Donnie Hunter opened a discussion on Zion National Park's open comment period for big horn sheep management. He proposed the board submit a letter of support.

The following motion was made by Karl Hirst, seconded by Donnie Hunter and passed unanimously.

**MOTION: I move that we authorize the Chairman of the Wildlife Board to draft a letter to the Parks Service expressing our support for translocating sheep out of Zions National Park into predetermined areas of the state of Utah.**

**06:29:30 Meeting adjourned.**



UTAH'S  
CONSERVATION  
PERMIT PROGRAM

FISCAL YEAR  
**2017**  
ANNUAL REPORT

# Utah's Conservation Permit Program

## Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report

Utah's Conservation Permit Program provides benefits to all Utah hunters. What started in the early 1980s as a creative approach to raise needed funds for wildlife conservation has blossomed into a well-regulated program that raises millions of dollars each year. Those dollars are then invested back into wildlife conservation. This novel approach to funding conservation has allowed the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) to seize opportunities, grow the state's wildlife populations and improve wildlife management.

### Origins of Utah's Conservation Permit Program

Historical accounts and archeological evidence indicate that bighorn sheep were once abundant across much of Utah, but in the early 1970s, many of Utah's bighorn sheep populations were struggling or had altogether disappeared. There was a very limited distribution of desert bighorn across southern Utah. Biologists observed large tracts of unoccupied desert bighorn sheep habitat and, at the same time, became concerned about the many desert bighorn concentrated in Canyonlands National Park. Wildlife managers recognized that the high bighorn densities in Canyonlands were not sustainable. Those excess bighorn presented wildlife managers with both an opportunity and a dilemma.



The excess bighorn in Canyonlands provided an opportunity to establish new populations and augment other struggling herds, but how could a large-scale, expensive translocation project fit within the tight constraints of the DWR's budget? At about the same time, a group of avid hunters founded the Utah

Bighorn Sheep Society. They made a proposal to generate funding to reestablish bighorn sheep in the state. They asked for one permit that could be sold at auction, with the proceeds dedicated to bighorn sheep management. In 1980, the first permit sold for \$20,000, and the conservation permit program was born. The program allowed generous hunters to help cover the costs of conserving, transplanting and managing this highly sought-after species.

The conservation permit strategy was effective, and over several years, the DWR used the proceeds of auctioned desert bighorn sheep conservation permits to fund a successful translocation program. That program led to the establishment and/or supplementation of new desert bighorn sheep herds in the San Rafael-North, San Rafael-South, Arches National Park, Henry Mountains, Capitol Reef National Park, Kaiparowitz-East, Kaiparowitz-Escalante and several other desert bighorn sheep units.



The early success of the conservation permit program led to its expansion. The program now includes and benefits the following species: bear, bighorn sheep (desert and Rocky Mountain), bison, cougar, deer, elk, moose, mountain goats, pronghorn and turkey.

### **How the program works**

Conservation permits represent only a small percentage of total permits issued, but they can produce big results. The program is regulated by Administrative Rule R-657-41, which limits conservation permits to approximately five percent of the number of permits issued to the public and allows a maximum of eight conservation permits per hunt. After the Utah Wildlife Board approves specific permits and numbers, the DWR partners with wildlife conservation organizations to sell the permits. Conservation organizations that currently participate in the program include Mule Deer Foundation (MDF), National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTFF), Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF), Safari Club International (SCI), Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (SFW), Utah Bowmen for Habitat (UBH) and Utah Foundation for North

American Wild Sheep (Utah FNAWS). Other conservation groups can apply to participate in the program by following procedures listed in Administrative Rule R-657-41.

The conservation organizations market, promote and auction the permits. These auctions typically coincide with chapter banquets, expos or other fundraising events. The goal is to maximize revenue to fund wildlife conservation activities. After the auction, the conservation organization returns 30 percent of the money raised directly to the DWR. The conservation organizations may keep up to 10 percent of the proceeds to cover administrative costs, and the remaining 60 percent is held by the conservation organizations for a short time as they work cooperatively with the DWR to choose approved conservation projects to fund. As a result, hunters are able to identify and prioritize projects that matter to them and then direct conservation permit funding to those projects. It gives conservation-minded hunters a strong voice and encourages cooperation and collaboration between the DWR and participating organizations.



### **Seizing opportunities**

The funds raised through the Conservation Permit Program are reinvested back into Utah's wildlife. Conservation projects are wide ranging and provide diverse benefits. With these projects, wildlife managers can establish new populations, augment existing populations, improve wildlife habitat, monitor for disease and conduct essential research. The program provides resources and tools that let wildlife biologists and hunters dream big and make big things happen.

Having a source of funding available to wildlife managers in a timely manner can make all the difference when it comes to managing wildlife. Wildlife and their habitats are dynamic, and changes can happen

rapidly. The desert bighorn sheep source population in Canyonlands National Park experienced a die-off shortly after the translocations in the 1980s occurred. Had wildlife managers been forced to pursue traditional funding, which is typically limited in availability and takes much longer to obtain, that opportunity might have been lost. Whether it is capturing source animals when they are abundant, or striking while the iron (or ground) is hot to get a wildfire reseeded, timing is essential in effective wildlife management. Utah's Conservation Permit Program allows wildlife managers to adapt to challenges and allocate resources where and when they are needed.

### **Improving wildlife management**

Having adequate funding is often a source of concern and a limitation for fish and wildlife agencies. While many western states struggle with increasingly stretched budgets, Utah leads the way with habitat work, wildlife transplants, wildlife research and monitoring.

In 2017, the DWR launched a major effort to assess and document wildlife migrations in Utah, and conservation permit dollars fund much of this work. Biologists have placed GPS collars on mule deer, elk, bighorn sheep, moose, cougar, bear and other species. Recent studies have revealed how important it is to understand and preserve migration routes of wildlife. The DWR will work with many partners to identify the most important research needs and then to fund and implement these projects.



One project the DWR will continue funding focuses on the movements of elk across northern Utah. Recently, hunters became increasingly concerned about the numbers and distribution of elk on the Wasatch unit. The Wasatch is one of Utah's largest elk units and provides opportunity to thousands of hunters and elk enthusiasts each year. To answer pressing questions and find creative solutions, the

DWR was able to use conservation permit funding to initiate the largest GPS collar elk study ever conducted in Utah.

Over the past three years, DWR biologists and university researchers placed 510 GPS collars on elk in the Wasatch Mountains. These collars provide biologists and researchers with an exact location twice a day via satellite. Wildlife managers and hunters are gaining new understandings of elk movements and how they relate to habitat, roads, hunting pressure and land ownership.



After assessing some of the early results, the DWR has already changed hunting strategies and targeted specific areas for habitat improvement. Wildlife managers are focused on addressing elk-distribution concerns and improving management of the Wasatch and other elk herds throughout the state.

Conservation permit funds have also enabled the DWR to begin GPS collar studies to assess mule deer survival across the state. These studies have provided the best survival and population information on mule deer that Utah has ever had.

Utah's biologists are able to conduct regular aerial surveys to count elk, bison, moose, pronghorn, bighorn sheep and mountain goats. Conservation permits have also contributed to the ongoing monitoring of black bear and cougar survival, disease monitoring and other components of wildlife management.

In FY 2017, conservation permit sales funded the capture of more than 1,300 big game animals as part of translocations, research, monitoring and disease-testing activities (see Table 1). This work would not have been possible without the money generated through the Conservation Permit Program.

**Table 1. Big game animals captured and/or transplanted using conservation permit funds in FY 2017.**

<b>Species</b>	<b>No. Animals</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
<b>Bighorn sheep</b>	15	Pine Valley	Disease profile and monitoring
	30	Kaiparowitz	Disease profile and monitoring
	18	Henry Mtns	Disease profile and monitoring
	5	Wasatch West	Disease profile and monitoring
	9	Avintaquin	Disease profile and monitoring
<b>Total bighorn sheep</b>	<b>77</b>		
<b>Moose</b>	<b>109</b>	North Slope/Wasatch West	Collared for movement study
<b>Bison</b>	<b>18</b>	Book Cliffs	Disease testing
<b>Elk</b>	115	Wasatch	Collared for movement study
	23	Southwest Desert	Collared for movement study
	24	Cache	Collared for movement study
	88	Wasatch	Translocated to Oquirrh/Stansbury
<b>Total elk</b>	<b>250</b>		
<b>Deer</b>	66	Pine Valley	Deer survival study
	68	Wasatch/Manti	Deer survival study
	71	Oquirrh-Stansbury	Deer survival study
	78	Cache	Deer survival study
	60	South Slope	Deer survival study
	68	San Juan	Deer survival study
	76	Monroe	Deer survival study
	82	South Manti	Deer survival study
	60	Henry Mountains	Deer survival study
	60	Paunsaugunt	Deer survival study
	11	Ogden	Deer survival study
	10	Bountiful	Translocated to Cedar Mountains/East Cyn
	79	Bountiful	Translocated to Southeast Manti
	29	Provo	Translocated to Southeast Manti
	74	Herriman	Translocated to Southeast Manti
	3	Herriman	Translocated to Oak Creek
<b>Total deer</b>	<b>895</b>		
<b>Total animals</b>	<b>1,349</b>		

## Program results in 2017

In 2017, the Utah Wildlife Board approved 314 conservation permits (see Table 2). This represents less than five percent of the total number of permits issued for these hunts. These permits were auctioned by conservation organizations and raised more than \$4.1 million. In contrast, if these permits had just been sold at current resident permit prices, they would have raised only \$53,075. Since 2001, conservation permits have generated more than \$44.9 million (see Appendix 2).

The true value of conservation permit dollars often exceeds the balance listed on paper. The DWR frequently uses these dollars to serve as matching funds for grants and other funding mechanisms that result in much larger amounts being awarded and spent in Utah. For example, in projects permitted by the Pittman-Robertson Act, every dollar generated by the Conservation Permit Program can be matched by three dollars in federal aid.

In FY 2017, conservation organizations spent more than \$1.9 million on approved wildlife conservation projects (see Appendix 1). This number includes new FY 2017 projects, as well as efforts originally funded in past years that were completed in FY 2017. Additionally, conservation organizations have already pledged \$1,551,530 for wildlife projects in FY 2018.

**Table 2. Utah Conservation Permits authorized in 2017.**

Permit Type	Number
Antlerless elk	19
Bear	29
Bison	5
Buck deer	47
Bull elk	107
Bull moose	3
Cougar	11
Desert bighorn sheep	6
Mountain goat	6
Pronghorn	37
Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep	5
Wild turkey	39
<b>Total Permits</b>	<b>314</b>

## Program oversight

The DWR understands the value of Utah's wildlife resources and takes many steps to ensure the Conservation Permit Program is transparent, complies with administrative rule and uses funds effectively for wildlife conservation purposes. In addition to an annual report, the DWR conducts an audit of the Conservation Permit Program each year. Both the annual report and the results of the audit are presented in a public meeting to the Utah Wildlife Board. Additionally, specific information about all funded conservation projects — including project details, budgets, wildlife benefits and summary reports — is available online at <https://wri.utah.gov/wri/>.

## Successful wildlife conservation

In FY 2017, Utah's Conservation Permit Program raised millions of dollars that were directed back into productive and meaningful wildlife conservation projects. These projects help the DWR better fulfill its mission of serving as trustees and guardians of the state's wildlife. The program has a track record of success and creates unique opportunities for hunters to work with the DWR in expanding wildlife populations and conserving wildlife habitat. As a result of this program, Utahns have more wildlife species to enjoy, and hunters have a greater diversity of hunting opportunities. Translocations and population growth have also ensured the availability of more hunting permits. The DWR believes that wildlife is valuable to everyone, and the Conservation Permit Program protects and improves wildlife and wildlife habitats for all to enjoy.



**Appendix 1.**

**FY 2017 Wildlife Conservation Permit Fund Expenditures by Project and Organization**

<b>WRI Project ID</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>	<b>Organization</b>
3589	Timpanogos Guzzler Project	\$ 5,900.31	FNAWS
3594	Dowd Mountain Wildlife Guzzler Replacement	\$ 2,583.38	FNAWS
3599	Flaming Gorge Bighorn Sheep Habitat Lop and Scatter; Phase 1 FY17: Carter Creek, Dowd Mountain, Hideout	\$ 50,000.00	FNAWS
3610	Mountain Home East Wildlife Guzzler	\$ 3,604.95	FNAWS
3660	North Slope Uintas Restoration Prescribed Fires	\$ 221.74	FNAWS
3701	Hardware Plateau Lop and Scatter	\$ 3,277.37	FNAWS
3714	Three Corners Guzzlers	\$ 2,094.92	FNAWS
3717	Whiskey Creek Water Enhancement Project	\$ 1,326.79	FNAWS
3748	Prospect Creek / Johns Valley PJ	\$ 10,000.00	FNAWS
3774	Mormon Pasture Mountain Wildlife Habitat Improvement Phase I	\$ 10,000.00	FNAWS
3827	FY17 Mountain Goat Captures	\$ 1,611.48	FNAWS
3828	FY17 Bighorn Sheep Captures	\$ 27,900.27	FNAWS
3850	FY17 Bighorn Sheep Biologist	\$ 23,446.62	FNAWS
2642	Blacksmith Aspen Prescribed Burn Project	\$ 26.79	MDF
3187	Left Fork Stewardship Project	\$ 12,406.00	MDF
3222	West Fork Willow Creek Aspen Restoration Phase 1	\$ 2,500.00	MDF
3236	West Vernon Phase 5: Lion Hill	\$ 2,634.09	MDF
3270	Twin Peaks Hazardous Fuels Reduction	\$ 5,000.00	MDF
3404	Yellow Starthistle Control - SL County	\$ 2,001.60	MDF
3407	East Fork Eight Mile Lop and Scatter/Water Development Project Phase I	\$ 2,105.51	MDF
3418	Pigeon Hollow Winter Habitat Improvement	\$ 5,000.00	MDF
3427	Cedar Groves Lop and Scatter Project Phase II	\$ 1,476.00	MDF
3501	Effects of Habitat Treatments on Mule Deer	\$ 4,806.59	MDF
3563	Duncan Creek - Final Phase	\$ 20,000.00	MDF
3567	Seep Ridge Chaining maintenance	\$ 9,522.59	MDF
3568	Moon Ridge Chaining maintenance	\$ 10,000.00	MDF
3573	Sieler Stewardship Project Phase 3	\$ 78,180.49	MDF
3583	North Springs PJ Removal Phase II	\$ 19,167.46	MDF
3589	Timpanogos Guzzler Project	\$ 3,985.92	MDF
3600	Yellowjacket (Harris Mountain)	\$ 20,000.00	MDF
3605	Birdseye WMA Bullhog Project	\$ 8,828.61	MDF
3606	Sheep Creek Phase 4	\$ 20,000.00	MDF
3610	Mountain Home East Wildlife Guzzler	\$ 4,412.96	MDF
3614	Wah Wah Summit Wildlife Guzzler	\$ 2,000.00	MDF
3616	Porphyry Bench Sagebrush Planting	\$ 10,000.00	MDF

<b>WRI Project ID</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>	<b>Organization</b>
3630	Brush Hole Shrub Treatment	\$ 50,553.37	MDF
3633	Indian Creek West Drag Chaining	\$ 15,000.00	MDF
3635	Government Creek GRSG Habitat Improvement	\$ 15,000.00	MDF
3638	Swasey Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project Phase VII	\$ 10,000.00	MDF
3641	Coldwater WMA Spring and Pond Development	\$ 6,456.96	MDF
3650	Warm Spring Hills Juniper removal project phase 2	\$ 20,000.00	MDF
3651	Wildcat WMA Guzzler	\$ 2,498.40	MDF
3659	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 1	\$ 40,000.00	MDF
3660	North Slope Uintas Restoration Prescribed Fires	\$ 110.90	MDF
3662	Cedar Fort Chaining	\$ 20,000.00	MDF
3663	Grantsville Habitat and Grazing Improvement Project	\$ 3,029.00	MDF
3673	South Bookcliffs Phase 4 (Sagers)	\$ 20,000.00	MDF
3679	Book Cliffs lower elevation guzzlers	\$ 13,049.37	MDF
3690	Went Ridge Guzzlers	\$ 10,000.00	MDF
3696	Burnt Timber bullhog phase II	\$ 10,000.00	MDF
3699	Dry Creek Meadow Canyon Phase II Restoration Project	\$ 10,000.00	MDF
3701	Hardware Plateau Lop and Scatter	\$ 19,664.25	MDF
3714	Three Corners Guzzlers	\$ 1,939.30	MDF
3717	Whiskey Creek Water Enhancement Project	\$ 1,323.70	MDF
3740	Roughneck Weed Spraying Phase I	\$ 118.72	MDF
3742	Fish Park Gunnison Sage-grouse Habitat Improvement	\$ 5,000.00	MDF
3749	Parker Mountain Ponds Project Phase III	\$ 2,500.00	MDF
3750	Lynn Bench Juniper Removal	\$ 30,000.00	MDF
3764	Henry's Mud Springs Lop and Scatter	\$ 53.54	MDF
3766	Temple Fork Juniper Phase II	\$ 20,000.00	MDF
3770	Cart Creek Watershed Treatment Phase 2	\$ 38,978.00	MDF
3774	Mormon Pasture Mountain Wildlife Habitat Improvement Phase I	\$ 20,000.00	MDF
3790	Moab Mule Deer Winter Range Habitat Improvement Project-Fisher Mesa Phase 1	\$ 15,000.00	MDF
3814	FY17 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists	\$ 4,375.03	MDF
3825	Efficacy of Translocation as a Management Tool for Urban Mule Deer in Utah FY17	\$ 265.18	MDF
3831	FY17 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival	\$ 10,222.80	MDF
3834	Clover Trap Repair and Maintenance	\$ 11,957.13	MDF
2902	Shingle Fire Reforestation	\$ 5,000.00	NWTF
3187	Left Fork Stewardship Project	\$ 5,000.00	NWTF
3404	Yellow Starthistle Control - SL County	\$ 2,001.60	NWTF
3407	East Fork Eight Mile Lop and Scatter/Water Development Project Phase I	\$ 2,105.51	NWTF

<b>WRI Project ID</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>	<b>Organization</b>
3563	Duncan Creek - Final Phase	\$ 3,000.00	NWTF
3567	Seep Ridge Chaining maintenance	\$ 1,908.33	NWTF
3587	Mendon Turkey Plantings - Phase Two	\$ 1,953.60	NWTF
3594	Dowd Mountain Wildlife Guzzler Replacement	\$ 2,583.38	NWTF
3630	Brush Hole Shrub Treatment	\$ 7,895.88	NWTF
3659	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 1	\$ 3,000.00	NWTF
3693	Yellow Starthistle Control - SL County	\$ 4,000.00	NWTF
3696	Burnt Timber bullhog phase II	\$ 3,000.00	NWTF
3699	Dry Creek Meadow Canyon Phase II Restoration Project	\$ 5,000.00	NWTF
3709	Gordon Creek Tamarisk and Russian Olive Removal	\$ 4,500.00	NWTF
3738	Wide Canyon Water Enhancement Project Phase I	\$ 1,000.00	NWTF
3764	Henry's Mud Springs Lop and Scatter	\$ 42.02	NWTF
3773	North Elk Ridge Aspen Restoration Phase II	\$ 1,855.80	NWTF
3774	Mormon Pasture Mountain Wildlife Habitat Improvement Phase I	\$ 3,000.00	NWTF
3814	FY17 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists	\$ 4,375.03	NWTF
2642	Blacksmith Aspen Prescribed Burn Project	\$ 17.85	RMEF
2902	Shingle Fire Reforestation	\$ 1,000.00	RMEF
3076	Dixie and Chain Harrow Retreat	\$ 8,618.31	RMEF
3222	West Fork Willow Creek Aspen Restoration Phase 1	\$ 5,000.00	RMEF
3270	Twin Peaks Hazardous Fuels Reduction	\$ 5,000.00	RMEF
3404	Yellow Starthistle Control - SL County	\$ 2,001.60	RMEF
3407	East Fork Eight Mile Lop and Scatter/Water Development Project Phase I	\$ 631.75	RMEF
3418	Pigeon Hollow Winter Habitat Improvement	\$ 2,500.00	RMEF
3427	Cedar Groves Lop and Scatter Project Phase II	\$ 984.00	RMEF
3501	Effects of Habitat Treatments on Mule Deer	\$ 642.45	RMEF
3567	Seep Ridge Chaining maintenance	\$ 2,863.45	RMEF
3568	Moon Ridge Chaining maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	RMEF
3583	North Springs PJ Removal Phase II	\$ 1,916.54	RMEF
3589	Timpanogos Guzzler Project	\$ 3,985.92	RMEF
3594	Dowd Mountain Wildlife Guzzler Replacement	\$ 4,613.07	RMEF
3604	South Canyon (Coal Pit Wash)	\$ 3,000.00	RMEF
3605	Birdseye WMA Bullhog Project	\$ 4,414.30	RMEF
3606	Sheep Creek Phase 4	\$ 10,000.00	RMEF
3610	Mountain Home East Wildlife Guzzler	\$ 4,412.96	RMEF
3614	Wah Wah Summit Wildlife Guzzler	\$ 5,000.00	RMEF
3616	Porphyry Bench Sagebrush Planting	\$ 3,000.00	RMEF
3633	Indian Creek West Drag Chaining	\$ 3,000.00	RMEF
3638	Swasey Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project Phase VII	\$ 5,000.00	RMEF

<b>WRI Project ID</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>	<b>Organization</b>
3651	Wildcat WMA Guzzler	\$ 3,997.27	RMEF
3659	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 1	\$ 30,000.00	RMEF
3660	North Slope Uintas Restoration Prescribed Fires	\$ 110.90	RMEF
3662	Cedar Fort Chaining	\$ 5,000.00	RMEF
3663	Grantsville Habitat and Grazing Improvement Project	\$ 1,211.29	RMEF
3679	Book Cliffs lower elevation guzzlers	\$ 4,347.25	RMEF
3686	Hamlin Valley Habitat Restoration Project - Sagebrush Restoration Year 2	\$ 3,000.00	RMEF
3690	Went Ridge Guzzlers	\$ 10,000.00	RMEF
3693	Yellow Starthistle Control - SL County	\$ 5,000.00	RMEF
3699	Dry Creek Meadow Canyon Phase II Restoration Project	\$ 3,000.00	RMEF
3709	Gordon Creek Tamarisk and Russian Olive Removal	\$ 3,000.00	RMEF
3714	Three Corners Guzzlers	\$ 3,877.43	RMEF
3717	Whiskey Creek Water Enhancement Project	\$ 1,765.45	RMEF
3740	Roughneck Weed Spraying Phase I	\$ 118.72	RMEF
3742	Fish Park Gunnison Sage-grouse Habitat Improvement	\$ 3,000.00	RMEF
3748	Prospect Creek / Johns valley PJ	\$ 3,000.00	RMEF
3749	Parker Mountain Ponds Project Phase III	\$ 5,000.00	RMEF
3766	Temple Fork Juniper Phase II	\$ 5,000.00	RMEF
3774	Mormon Pasture Mountain Wildlife Habitat Improvement Phase I	\$ 5,000.00	RMEF
3794	Paradise Valley Restoration Project	\$ 466.03	RMEF
3828	FY17 Bighorn Sheep Captures	\$ 16,975.94	RMEF
3829	FY17 Elk Movements Study	\$ 3,366.03	RMEF
3831	FY17 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival	\$ 1,365.33	RMEF
3832	FY17 Determinants of Population Growth in Utah Moose	\$ 1,472.63	RMEF
4156	Winter Deer Feed FY17	\$ 21,538.05	RMEF
4167	Winter Elk Feed FY17	\$ 8,583.89	RMEF
2642	Blacksmith Aspen Prescribed Burn Project	\$ 7.15	SCI
3236	West Vernon Phase 5: Lion Hill	\$ 658.18	SCI
3404	Yellow Starthistle Control - SL County	\$ 2,001.60	SCI
3407	East Fork Eight Mile Lop and Scatter/Water Development Project Phase I	\$ 420.52	SCI
3505	Efficacy of Translocation as a Management Tool for Urban Mule Deer in Utah	\$ 451.95	SCI
3563	Duncan Creek - Final Phase	\$ 2,000.00	SCI
3567	Seep Ridge Chaining maintenance	\$ 2,863.45	SCI
3568	Moon Ridge Chaining maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	SCI
3594	Dowd Mountain Wildlife Guzzler Replacement	\$ 1,844.58	SCI
3599	Flaming Gorge Bighorn Sheep Habitat Lop and Scatter; Phase 1 FY17: Carter Creek, Dowd Mountain, Hideout	\$ 5,000.00	SCI

<b>WRI Project ID</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>	<b>Organization</b>
3600	Yellowjacket (Harris Mountain)	\$ 2,000.00	SCI
3604	South Canyon (Coal Pit Wash)	\$ 3,000.00	SCI
3606	Sheep Creek Phase 4	\$ 5,000.00	SCI
3610	Mountain Home East Wildlife Guzzler	\$ 1,765.64	SCI
3614	Wah Wah Summit Wildlife Guzzler	\$ 2,000.00	SCI
3616	Porphyry Bench Sagebrush Planting	\$ 1,000.00	SCI
3638	Swasey Wildlife Habitat Improvement and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project Phase VII	\$ 2,000.00	SCI
3651	Wildcat WMA Guzzler	\$ 999.53	SCI
3659	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 1	\$ 3,000.00	SCI
3660	North Slope Uintas Restoration Prescribed Fires	\$ 110.90	SCI
3662	Cedar Fort Chaining	\$ 3,000.00	SCI
3663	Grantsville Habitat and Grazing Improvement Project	\$ 605.64	SCI
3673	South Bookcliffs Phase 4 (Sagers)	\$ 3,000.00	SCI
3679	Book Cliffs lower elevation guzzlers	\$ 10,439.50	SCI
3690	Went Ridge Guzzlers	\$ 5,000.00	SCI
3693	Yellow Starthistle Control - SL County	\$ 2,000.00	SCI
3696	Burnt Timber bullhog phase II	\$ 2,000.00	SCI
3699	Dry Creek Meadow Canyon Phase II Restoration Project	\$ 2,000.00	SCI
3701	Hardware Plateau Lop and Scatter	\$ 3,277.37	SCI
3709	Gordon Creek Tamarisk and Russian Olive Removal	\$ 2,000.00	SCI
3740	Roughneck Weed Spraying Phase I	\$ 71.28	SCI
3742	Fish Park Gunnison Sage-grouse Habitat Improvement	\$ 2,000.00	SCI
3748	Prospect Creek / Johns valley PJ	\$ 3,000.00	SCI
3749	Parker Mountain Ponds Project Phase III	\$ 3,000.00	SCI
3764	Henry's Mud Springs Lop and Scatter	\$ 52.51	SCI
3766	Temple Fork Juniper Phase II	\$ 5,000.00	SCI
3769	Cedar City and Summit I-15 Deer Fence and Cattle Guards	\$ 3,000.00	SCI
3773	North Elk Ridge Aspen Restoration Phase II	\$ 1,855.80	SCI
3774	Mormon Pasture Mountain Wildlife Habitat Improvement Phase I	\$ 3,000.00	SCI
3794	Paradise Valley Restoration Project	\$ 466.03	SCI
3795	Spring City Fuels Reduction and Habitat Improvement	\$ 1,000.00	SCI
3797	Willow Creek Habitat Improvement and Fuels Reduction	\$ 2,000.00	SCI
3814	FY17 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists	\$ 1,750.01	SCI
3825	Efficacy of Translocation as a Management Tool for Urban Mule Deer in Utah FY17	\$ 132.61	SCI
3827	FY17 Mountain Goat Captures	\$ 968.39	SCI
3828	FY17 Bighorn Sheep Captures	\$ 4,243.99	SCI
3830	FY17 Effects of Habitat Treatments on Mule Deer	\$ 485.71	SCI

<b>WRI Project ID</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>	<b>Organization</b>
3831	FY17 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival	\$ 1,365.33	SCI
3832	FY17 Determinants of Population Growth in Utah Moose	\$ 1,472.63	SCI
2642	Blacksmith Aspen Prescribed Burn Project	\$ 35.71	SFW
2902	Shingle Fire Reforestation	\$ 1,000.00	SFW
3069	Black Canyon WMA RabbitBrush Removal phase 2	\$ 2,000.00	SFW
3187	Left Fork Stewardship Project	\$ 15,000.00	SFW
3222	West Fork Willow Creek Aspen Restoration Phase 1	\$ 2,500.00	SFW
3236	West Vernon Phase 5: Lion Hill	\$ 2,634.09	SFW
3270	Twin Peaks Hazardous Fuels Reduction	\$ 5,000.00	SFW
3404	Yellow Starthistle Control - SL County	\$ 2,001.60	SFW
3407	East Fork Eight Mile Lop and Scatter/Water Development Project Phase I	\$ 2,105.51	SFW
3418	Pigeon Hollow Winter Habitat Improvement	\$ 15,000.00	SFW
3427	Cedar Groves Lop and Scatter Project Phase II	\$ 2,460.00	SFW
3501	Effects of Habitat Treatments on Mule Deer	\$ 4,224.09	SFW
3505	Efficacy of Translocation as a Management Tool for Urban Mule Deer in Utah	\$ 2,683.20	SFW
3563	Duncan Creek - Final Phase	\$ 3,000.00	SFW
3594	Dowd Mountain Wildlife Guzzler Replacement	\$ 4,613.05	SFW
3599	Flaming Gorge Bighorn Sheep Habitat Lop and Scatter; Phase 1 FY17: Carter Creek, Dowd Mountain, Hideout	\$ 10,000.00	SFW
3605	Birdseye WMA Bullhog Project	\$ 4,414.30	SFW
3606	Sheep Creek Phase 4	\$ 10,000.00	SFW
3610	Mountain Home East Wildlife Guzzler	\$ 8,823.62	SFW
3614	Wah Wah Summit Wildlife Guzzler	\$ 10,000.00	SFW
3616	Porphyry Bench Sagebrush Planting	\$ 3,000.00	SFW
3630	Brush Hole Shrub Treatment	\$ 7,895.88	SFW
3633	Indian Creek West Drag Chaining	\$ 5,000.00	SFW
3635	Government Creek GRSG Habitat Improvement	\$ 10,000.00	SFW
3651	Wildcat WMA Guzzler	\$ 799.61	SFW
3659	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 1	\$ 20,000.00	SFW
3660	North Slope Uintas Restoration Prescribed Fires	\$ 110.84	SFW
3662	Cedar Fort Chaining	\$ 20,000.00	SFW
3663	Grantsville Habitat and Grazing Improvement Project	\$ 3,029.79	SFW
3679	Book Cliffs lower elevation guzzlers	\$ 45,225.02	SFW
3690	Went Ridge Guzzlers	\$ 12,000.00	SFW
3696	Burnt Timber bullhog phase II	\$ 10,000.00	SFW
3699	Dry Creek Meadow Canyon Phase II Restoration Project	\$ 5,000.00	SFW
3701	Hardware Plateau Lop and Scatter	\$ 33,696.27	SFW
3714	Three Corners Guzzlers	\$ 3,877.43	SFW
3717	Whiskey Creek Water Enhancement Project	\$ 4,411.32	SFW

<b>WRI Project ID</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>	<b>Organization</b>
3738	Wide Canyon Water Enhancement Project Phase I	\$ 1,431.25	SFW
3764	Henry's Mud Springs Lop and Scatter	\$ 105.00	SFW
3766	Temple Fork Juniper Phase II	\$ 31,050.00	SFW
3769	Cedar City and Summit I-15 Deer Fence and Cattle Guards	\$ 15,000.00	SFW
3770	Cart Creek Watershed Treatment Phase 2	\$ 10,000.00	SFW
3774	Mormon Pasture Mountain Wildlife Habitat Improvement Phase I	\$ 18,000.00	SFW
3794	Paradise Valley Restoration Project	\$ 1,164.67	SFW
3797	Willow Creek Habitat Improvement and Fuels Reduction	\$ 1,040.00	SFW
3812	Lee Kay Phase III land exchange	\$ 142,000.00	SFW
3814	FY17 Sage Grouse Initiative Biologists	\$ 3,500.00	SFW
3825	Efficacy of Translocation as a Management Tool for Urban Mule Deer in Utah FY17	\$ 132.60	SFW
3827	FY17 Mountain Goat Captures	\$ 523.15	SFW
3829	FY17 Elk Movements Study	\$ 2,421.49	SFW
3830	FY17 Effects of Habitat Treatments on Mule Deer	\$ 15,614.92	SFW
3831	FY17 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival	\$ 14,711.31	SFW
3832	FY17 Determinants of Population Growth in Utah Moose	\$ 15,266.24	SFW
3834	Clover Trap Repair and Maintenance	\$ 11,957.13	SFW
3875	NRO Bulldozer	\$ 107,700.00	SFW
3270	Twin Peaks Hazardous Fuels Reduction	\$ 2,000.00	UBH
3404	Yellow Starthistle Control - SL County	\$ 2,498.40	UBH
3505	Efficacy of Translocation as a Management Tool for Urban Mule Deer in Utah	\$ 903.91	UBH
3563	Duncan Creek - Final Phase	\$ 2,000.00	UBH
3567	Seep Ridge Chaining maintenance	\$ 1,906.43	UBH
3568	Moon Ridge Chaining maintenance	\$ 2,000.00	UBH
3606	Sheep Creek Phase 4	\$ 3,000.00	UBH
3659	Monroe Mountain Aspen Ecosystems Restoration Project Phase 1	\$ 2,000.00	UBH
3662	Cedar Fort Chaining	\$ 3,000.00	UBH
3673	South Bookcliffs Phase 4 (Sagers)	\$ 2,000.00	UBH
3679	Book Cliffs lower elevation guzzlers	\$ 3,474.68	UBH
3699	Dry Creek Meadow Canyon Phase II Restoration Project	\$ 2,000.00	UBH
3701	Hardware Plateau Lop and Scatter	\$ 1,310.95	UBH
3740	Roughneck Weed Spraying Phase I	\$ 47.47	UBH
3764	Henry's Mud Springs Lop and Scatter	\$ 21.00	UBH
3769	Cedar City and Summit I-15 Deer Fence and Cattle Guards	\$ 2,000.00	UBH
3773	North Elk Ridge Aspen Restoration Phase II	\$ 1,855.80	UBH

<b>WRI Project ID</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Amount Spent</b>	<b>Organization</b>
3774	Mormon Pasture Mountain Wildlife Habitat Improvement Phase I	\$ 2,000.00	UBH
3827	FY17 Mountain Goat Captures	\$ 644.57	UBH
3829	FY17 Elk Movements Study	\$ 678.36	UBH
3830	FY17 Effects of Habitat Treatments on Mule Deer	\$ 485.71	UBH
3831	FY17 Deer Fawn/Adult Survival	\$ 1,365.33	UBH
3832	FY17 Determinants of Population Growth in Utah Moose	\$ 1,472.63	UBH
<b>Total External Conservation Permit Money spent in FY 2017</b>		<b>\$ 1,931,272.28</b>	

Appendix 2.

2001 - 2017 Conservation Permit Revenue and Number of Permits by Organization

Updated: September 18, 2017

YEAR	Sportsmen for Fish & Wildlife Inc.		Mule Deer Foundation		FNAWS		Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation		Safari Club International		National Wild Turkey Federation		Ducks Unlimited		Utah Bowmen for Habitat	
	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits
2001	\$188,539.00	55	\$158,400.00	29	\$283,880.00	17	\$168,665.00	43	\$15,770.00	4	\$101,398.00	68	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0
2002	\$429,038.00	97	\$90,964.00	63	\$252,950.00	8	\$119,915.00	61	\$28,700.00	8	\$120,112.00	57	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0
2003	\$656,521.00	197	\$51,853.00	43	\$226,500.00	5	\$270,205.00	54	\$1,250.00	5	\$51,835.00	26	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0
2004	\$848,790.00	135	\$252,310.00	41	\$291,320.00	9	\$300,770.00	97	\$0.00	0	\$46,312.00	14	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0
2005	\$522,647.00	178	\$622,040.00	82	\$310,600.00	10	\$175,975.00	27	\$28,500.00	11	\$19,901.00	26	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0
2006	\$710,875.00	109	\$932,400.00	113	\$258,650.00	14	\$306,445.00	47	\$710,875.00	22	\$91,035.00	56	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0
2007	\$1,039,552.00	102	\$913,220.00	151	\$405,870.00	24	\$336,775.00	30	\$81,515.00	8	\$82,670.00	37	\$19,000.00	4	\$6,000.00	2
2008	\$1,079,055.00	102	\$976,510.00	152	\$382,650.00	24	\$288,390.00	30	\$83,760.00	8	\$89,425.00	37	\$14,625.00	4	\$10,250.00	2
2009	\$860,000.00	102	\$822,802.00	152	\$390,075.00	24	\$250,675.00	30	\$72,055.00	8	\$66,365.00	37	\$26,200.00	6	\$6,750.00	2
2010	\$948,400.00	116	\$900,020.00	95	\$502,090.00	43	\$262,095.00	39	\$148,850.00	7	\$68,085.00	32	\$18,300.00	6	\$15,400.00	4
2011	\$799,290.00	116	\$754,695.00	97	\$486,785.00	43	\$235,000.00	39	\$102,500.00	7	\$65,470.00	32	\$0.00	0	\$28,700.00	7
2012	\$876,600.00	104	\$968,715.00	92	\$494,400.00	41	\$247,740.00	38	\$93,500.00	6	\$70,210.00	31	\$9,215.00	3	\$37,500.00	7
2013	\$1,083,725.00	124	\$971,285.00	84	\$519,500.00	23	\$275,135.00	26	\$128,747.00	21	\$104,535.00	21	\$12,430.00	4	\$53,525.00	13
2014	\$1,273,679.00	124	\$975,530.00	84	\$516,200.00	23	\$334,995.00	26	\$172,950.00	21	\$99,335.00	21	\$23,075.00	4	\$64,875.00	14
2015	\$1,508,650.00	124	\$1,259,765.00	84	\$564,510.00	23	\$366,865.00	26	\$158,970.00	21	\$112,145.00	21	\$0.00	0	\$90,050.00	18
2016	\$1,429,825.00	145	\$1,186,400.00	63	\$550,800.00	14	\$354,190.00	31	\$205,200.00	24	\$141,675.00	26	\$0.00	0	\$77,500.00	11
2017	\$1,449,675.00	145	\$1,258,550.00	63	\$578,325.00	14	\$382,845.00	31	\$216,420.00	24	\$165,375.00	26	\$0.00	0	\$99,250.00	11
	<b>\$15,704,861.00</b>	<b>2075</b>	<b>\$13,095,459.00</b>	<b>1488</b>	<b>\$7,015,105.00</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>\$4,676,680.00</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>\$2,249,562.00</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>\$1,495,883.00</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>\$122,845.00</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>\$489,800.00</b>	<b>91</b>

YEAR	California Deer Association		Boone & Crockett		Total	
	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits	Amount	Permits
2001	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$916,652.00	216
2002	\$14,010.00	5	\$0.00	0	\$1,055,689.00	299
2003	\$27,565.00	10	\$0.00	0	\$1,285,729.00	340
2004	\$3,270.00	8	\$0.00	0	\$1,742,772.00	304
2005	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$1,679,663.00	334
2006	\$10,500.00	20	\$11,500.00	1	\$3,032,280.00	382
2007	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$2,884,602.00	358
2008	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$2,924,665.00	359
2009	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$2,494,922.00	361
2010	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$2,863,240.00	342
2011	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$2,472,440.00	341
2012	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$2,797,880.00	322
2013	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$3,148,882.00	316
2014	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$3,460,639.00	317
2015	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$4,060,955.00	317
2016	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$3,945,590.00	314
2017	\$0.00	0	\$0.00	0	\$4,150,440.00	314
	<b>\$55,345.00</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>\$11,500.00</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$44,917,040.00</b>	<b>5,536</b>

## 2017 Conservation Permit Audit - Executive Summary

Organization	Total # of Permits	2017 Funds Available to the Organization (60%)	Carry over Funds from previous years	Available Funds from 2015-2017	Funds Spent on Approved Projects or Transferred to DWR	Required Fund Balance per Audit	Funds Committed or Billed in FY18	Remaining Funds for Projects
FNAWS	14	\$346,995.00	\$397,493.44	\$744,488.44	\$71,463.00	\$673,025.44	\$153,393.79	\$519,631.65
Mule Deer Foundation	63	\$755,130.00	\$877,514.24	\$1,632,644.24	\$51,800.00	\$1,580,844.24	\$976,392.00	\$604,452.24
National Wild Turkey Federation	26	\$99,225.00	\$37,898.27	\$137,123.27	\$0.00	\$137,123.27	\$37,350.00	\$99,773.27
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation	31	\$229,707.00	\$278,009.25	\$507,716.25	\$273,600.00	\$234,116.25	\$191,000.00	\$43,116.25
Safari Club International	24	\$129,852.00	\$25,875.89	\$155,727.89	\$0.00	\$155,727.89	\$137,380.00	\$18,347.89
Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife	145	\$869,805.00	\$866,203.75	\$1,736,008.75	\$1,026,717.00	\$709,291.75	\$919,017.00*	\$709,291.75
Utah Bowmen for Habitat	11	\$59,550.00	\$18,168.07	\$77,718.07	\$0.00	\$77,718.07	\$56,015.00	\$21,703.07
<b>Total:</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>\$2,490,264.00</b>	<b>\$2,501,162.91</b>	<b>\$4,991,426.91</b>	<b>\$1,423,580.00</b>	<b>\$3,567,846.91</b>	<b>\$1,551,530.79</b>	<b>\$2,016,316.12</b>

\* PAID FY18 Funds 6/12/17



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### Division of Wildlife Resources

MICHAL FOWLKS  
Division Director

September 28, 2017

To: Kirk Woodward, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board  
Byron Bateman, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2017 Conservation Permit Internal Audit  
Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS)

### Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep (FNAWS) has been conducted. This audit was performed internally by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our report focuses on verifying that funds were placed in a secure account and that expenditures on projects were approved prior to performance.

### Overview

The contact for FNAWS was Don Peay. All information requested was promptly provided. FNAWS was given 14 of the 314 permits for 2017. At the time of sale Division staff independently verified auction prices of 5 permits sold and compared that with the prices being reported. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue:	\$ 578,325.00
Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	<u>(\$ 57,832.50)</u>
Less 30% remitted to DWR	<u>(\$ 173,497.50)</u>
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$ 346,995.00
Carry-over funds	<u>\$ 397,493.44</u>
Total:	\$ 744,488.44
Less 2017 Projects paid	<u>(\$ 71,463.00)</u>
Funds remaining for projects	<u>\$ 673,025.44</u>
Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$ 673,551.16
Adjustment	<u>(\$525.72)</u>
Adjusted Bank Balance	<u>\$ 673,025.44</u>



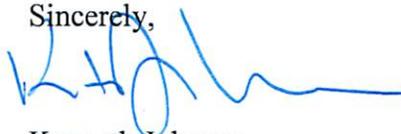
**Findings and Recommendations**

All 2017 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There was one adjustment identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Interest earned that can be place in admin account	(\$525.72)
Total adjustment	<u>(\$ 525.72)</u>

We sincerely thank FNAWS for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Johnson  
Administrative Services Chief

cc: Mike Fowlks  
Wildlife Board Members  
FNAWS



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September 28, 2017

To: Kirk Woodward, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board  
Byron Bateman, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2017 Conservation Permit Internal Audit  
Mule Deer Foundation (MDF)

### Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Mule Deer Foundation (MDF) has been conducted. This audit was performed internally by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our report focuses on verifying that funds were placed in a secure account and that expenditures on projects were approved prior to performance.

### Overview

The contact for MDF was Alyssa Walton. All information requested was promptly provided. MDF was given 63 of the 314 permits in 2017. At the time of sale Division staff independently verified auction prices of 21 permits sold and compared that with the prices being reported. The bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue:	\$1,258,550.00
Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	<u>(\$ 125,855.00)</u>
Less 30% remitted to DWR	<u>(\$ 377,565.00)</u>
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$ 755,130.00
Carry-over funds	<u>\$ 877,514.24</u>
Total:	\$1,632,644.24
Less 2017 Projects billed	<u>(\$ 51,800.00)</u>
Funds remaining for projects	<u>\$ 1,580,844.24</u>
Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$1,956,912.66
Adjustment	<u>(\$376,068.42)</u>
Adjusted Bank Balance	<u>\$ 1,580,844.24</u>



September 28, 2017

Subject: 2017 Conservation Permit Audit – Mule Deer Foundation

**Findings and Recommendations**

All 2017 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were four adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #1052 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds) - Not cleared	(\$377,565.00)
Interest that can be placed in admin account	(\$456.69)
Bank fees that need to be replaced	\$701.60
Under deposit of permit funds	\$1,251.67
Total adjustment	<u>(\$376, 068.42)</u>

MDF needs to add back the under deposited funds from permit revenue and ensure that the funds are fully deposited in the future. We sincerely thank MDF for their time, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Johnson  
Administrative Services Chief

cc: Mike Fowlks  
Wildlife Board Members  
Mule Deer Foundation



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September 28, 2017

To: Kirk Woodward, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board  
Byron Bateman, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2017 Conservation Permit Internal Audit  
National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF)

### Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) has been conducted. This audit was performed internally by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our report focuses on verifying that funds were placed in a secure account and that expenditures on projects were approved prior to performance.

### Overview

The contact for NWTF was Melanie Mercier. NWTF was given 26 of the 314 permits in 2017. At the time of sale Division staff independently verified auction prices of 2 permits sold and compared them to the prices being reported. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue:	\$ 165,375.00
Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$ 16,537.50)
Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$ 49,612.50)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$ 99,225.00
Carry-over	\$ 37,898.27
Total:	\$ 137,123.27
Less 2017 Projects billed	(\$ 0)
Funds remaining for projects	<u>\$ 137,123.27</u>
Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$203,276.27
Adjustment	<u>(\$66,153.00)</u>
Adjusted Bank Balance	<u>\$ 137,123.27</u>



September 28, 2017

Subject: 2017 Conservation Permit Audit – National Wild Turkey Federation

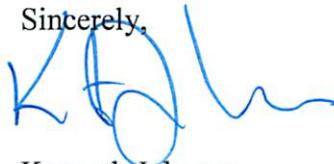
**Findings and Recommendations**

There were three adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check #1013 to chapter (10% of permit proceeds)– Not cleared	(\$16,537.50)
Check #1012 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds) - Not cleared	(\$14,164.50)
Bank overpayment of fees to be removed from account	(\$3.00)
Total Adjustment	<u>(\$66,153.00)</u>

We sincerely thank NWTF for their time and willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Johnson  
Administrative Services Chief

cc: Mike Fowlks  
Wildlife Board Members  
National Wild Turkey Federation



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September 28, 2017

To: Kirk Woodward, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board  
Byron Bateman, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2017 Conservation Permit Internal Audit  
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF)

### Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) has been conducted. This audit was performed internally by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our report focuses on verifying that funds were placed in a secure account and that expenditures on projects were approved prior to performance.

### Overview

The contact for RMEF was Bill Christensen. All information requested was promptly provided. RMEF was given 31 of the 314 permits in 2017. At the time of sale Division staff independently verified the auction price of 8 permits sold and compared that with the price being reported. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue:	\$ 382,845.00
Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$ 38,284.50)
Less 30% remitted to DWR	<u>(\$114,853.50)</u>
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$ 229,707.00
Carry-over funds	<u>\$ 278,009.25</u>
Total:	\$ 507,716.25
Less 2017 Projects billed	<u>(\$273,600.00)</u>
Funds remaining for projects	<u>\$234,116.25</u>
Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$455,196.75
Adjustment	<u>(\$221,080.50)</u>
Adjusted Bank Balance	<u>\$234,116.25</u>



September 28, 2017

Subject: 2017 Conservation Permit Audit – Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

**Findings and Recommendations**

All 2017 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were three adjustments identified through the reconciliation as follows:

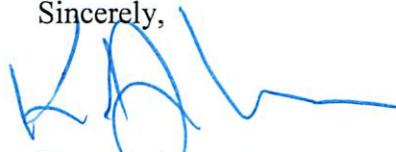
Check #1248880 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds) - Not cleared	(\$114,853.50)
2016 Audit 30% of permit proceeds need to be removed from account	(\$106,257.00)
Under deposit of the 90%	\$30.00
Total Adjustment	<u>(\$221,080.50)</u>

It appears RMEF issued their 30% permit proceeds check to the Division from an independent account with First Interstate Bank for the 2016 and 2017 proceeds. RMEF needs to remove the 2016 30% of permit proceeds from their Wells Fargo account. To avoid this audit finding in the future the Division would prefer RMEF issue their 30% proceeds check from their Wells Fargo Conservation account and not their independent First Interstate Bank account. Additionally, RMEF needs to add back the under deposit of their 90% and ensure that the funds are fully deposited in the future.

As per rule R657-41-9 (d) the permit revenue payable to the division under this subsection shall not be used by the conservation organization as collateral or commingled in the same account with the organization's operation and administration funds, so that the separate identity of the permit revenue is not lost.

We sincerely thank RMEF for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-4837.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Johnson  
Administrative Services Chief

cc: Mike Fowlks  
Wildlife Board Members  
Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation



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Division Director

September 28, 2017

To: Kirk Woodward, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board  
Byron Bateman, Vice Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board

From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2017 Conservation Permit Internal Audit  
Safari Club International (SCI)

### Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of Safari Club International (SCI) has been conducted. This audit was performed internally by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our report focuses on verifying that funds were placed in a secure account and that expenditures on projects were approved prior to performance.

### Overview

The contact for SCI was Kyle Witherspoon. SCI has not yet provided all required documents. Safari Club International was given 24 of the 314 permits for 2017. At the time of sale Division staff independently verified auction prices of 2 permits sold and compared that with the prices being reported. SCI provided incomplete bank account statements that have been reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue:	\$ 216,420.00
Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$ 21,642.00)
Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$ 64,926.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$ 129,852.00
Carry-over funds	\$ 25,875.89
Total:	\$ 155,727.89
Less 2017 Projects billed	(\$ 0)
Funds remaining for projects	\$ 155,727.89
Bank Statement Balance (unverified)	\$ 226,857.43
Adjustments	(\$ 71,129.54)
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$ 155,727.89



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Subject: 2017 Conservation Permit Audit – Safari Club International

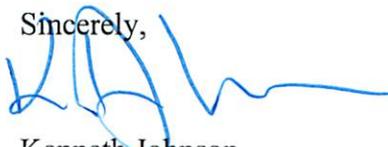
**Findings and Recommendations**

There were three adjustments identified through the reconciliation as follows:

Check #8080935 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds) - Not cleared	(\$ 61,560.00)
Interest earned that needs to be placed in Admin Acct.	(\$ 6.46)
Unidentified excess funds due to missing bank statement	(\$ 6,197.08)
Total Adjustments	<u>(\$71,129.54)</u>

SCI remitted the mandatory 30% of the permit proceeds late to DWR September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Per rule this payment must be remitted by September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. SCI did not provide all bank statements needed to complete the audit due to their treasurer being on vacation, therefore the unidentified funds listed in the finding will be verified once all documents are submitted to the DWR. DWR will work closely with their staff in the coming year to train and help ensure compliance. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Johnson  
Administrative Services Chief

cc: Mike Fowlks  
Wildlife Board Members  
Safari Club International



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September 28, 2017

To: Kirk Woodward, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board  
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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2017 Conservation Permit Internal Audit  
Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (SFW)

### Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife (SFW) has been conducted. This audit was performed internally by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our report focuses on verifying that funds were placed in a secure account and that expenditures on projects were approved prior to performance.

### Overview

The contact for SFW was Melissa Whitaker. All information requested was promptly provided. SFW was given 145 of the 314 permits in 2017. At the time of sale Division staff independently verified the auction price of 65 permits sold and compared that with the price being reported. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue:	\$1,449,675.00
Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$ 144,967.50)
Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$ 434,902.50)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$ 869,805.00
Carry-over funds	\$ 866,203.75
Total:	\$ 1,736,008.75
Less 2017 Projects billed	(\$1,026,717.00)
Funds remaining for projects	\$ 709,291.75
Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$ 1,149,024.17
Adjustments	(\$ 439,732.42)
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$ 709,291.75



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Subject: 2017 Conservation Permit Audit – Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife

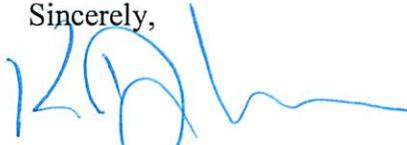
**Findings and Recommendations**

All 2017 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were three adjustments identified through the reconciliation process as follows:

Check # 1867 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds) - Not cleared	(\$434,902.50)
Interest earned that can to be placed in Admin Acct	(\$5,129.38)
Bank Fees that need to be replaced	\$299.46
Total Adjustment	<u>(\$439,732.42)</u>

We sincerely thank SFW for their time, their prompt response, and their willingness to provide the information requested. If there are questions regarding this report, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,



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Administrative Services Chief

cc: Mike Fowlks  
Wildlife Board Members  
Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife



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September 28, 2017

To: Kirk Woodward, Chairman, Utah Wildlife Board  
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From: Kenneth Johnson, Administrative Services Chief

Subject: 2017 Conservation Permit Internal Audit  
Utah Bowmen for Habitat

### Background

In accordance with R657-41, a review of Utah Bowmen for Habitat (UBH) has been conducted. This audit was performed internally by the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources fiscal section. Our report focuses on verifying that funds were placed in a secure account and that expenditures on projects were approved prior to performance.

### Overview

The contact for Utah Bowmen for Habitat was Kevin Adamson. All information requested was promptly provided. UBH was given 11 of the 314 permits in 2017. Bank account statements were obtained and reviewed. The calculations are as follows:

Total Permit Revenue:	\$ 99,250.00
Less 10% retained for administrative expenses	(\$ 9,925.00)
Less 30% remitted to DWR	(\$29,775.00)
Total retained by organization for project(s):	\$ 59,550.00
Carry-over funds	\$ 18,168.07
Total:	\$ 77,718.07
Less 2017 Projects billed	(\$ 0)
Funds remaining for projects	\$ 77,718.07
Verified Bank Statement Balance	\$ 107,718.07
Adjustments	(\$ 30,000.00)
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$ 77,718.07

### Findings and Recommendations



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September 28, 2017

Subject: 2017 Conservation Permit Internal Audit – Utah Bowmen for Habitat

All 2017 projects were properly approved and project funds were placed in a secure, separate account. There were two adjustments identified through the reconciliation:

Check #204 to DWR (30% of permit proceeds) - Not cleared (\$ 29,775.00)

Over deposit of South Slope Deer permit to be moved into admin account (\$ 225.00)

Total Adjustment (\$ 30,000.00)

UBH over deposited funds for a South Slope Deer permit that can be moved to their admin account. We sincerely thank the Utah Bowmen for Habitat for their time, their prompt response, and willingness to provide the information requested. If you have any questions, please contact me at 801-538-7437.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Johnson  
Administrative Services Chief

cc: Mike Fowlks  
Wildlife Board Members  
Utah Bowmen for Habitat

# 2018 WILDLIFE BOARD/RAC SCHEDULE

All information is subject to change and all agendas are tentative. Please check the DWR website often at [www.wildlife.utah.gov](http://www.wildlife.utah.gov) for complete agendas and meeting locations posted prior to meetings. **Unless otherwise noted, all Wildlife Board meetings are on Thursdays in the DNR Salt Lake office auditorium, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City.** Board meetings begin at 9 a.m, unless otherwise indicated. Additional meetings may be scheduled if necessary. RACs meet at the locations and times listed below unless otherwise noted. Scheduling changes will be posted on the DWR website. Please check it often.

**SR RAC – 7 PM**  
Beaver High School  
195 E. Center St., Beaver

**NER RAC – 6:30 PM**  
Wildlife Resources NER Office  
318 North Vernal Ave, Vernal

**SER RAC – 6:30 PM**  
John Wesley Powell Museum  
1765 E. Main St., Green River

**NR RAC – 6 PM**  
Brigham City Community Center  
24 N. 300 W., Brigham City

**CR RAC – 6:30 PM**  
Springville Civic Center  
110 S. Main Street, Springville

## Schedule & Tentative Agendas

**January – Board Meeting, January 11, 2018:**

- Bear Proclamation & Rule

No RAC meetings scheduled.

**February –** No Board or RAC meetings scheduled.

**March –** No Board or RAC meetings scheduled.

**April – RAC meetings:**

- Big Game Permit numbers.
- Antlerless Permit numbers
- CWMU Rule Amendments
- CWMU Management Plans

March 27 - CR

March 28 - NR

April 3 – SR – 5:00 pm

April 4 - SER

April 5 - NER

**Board meeting April 26**

- Big Game Permit numbers.
- Antlerless Permit numbers
- CWMU Rule Amendments
- CWMU Management Plans

**May –**

**RAC meetings:**

- Upland Game and Turkey Recommendations
- Fishing Informational – Online Survey
- Wildlife Projects Informational – RACs only

1 - CR  
2 - NR  
8 – SR  
9 - SER  
10 - NER

**June –**

**Board meeting May 31**

- Upland Game and Turkey Recommendations
- Fishing Informational – Online Survey
- Conservation Permit List

No RAC meetings scheduled.

**July –**

No Board meeting scheduled.

**RAC meetings:**

- Cougar hunt tables and permit numbers
- Bobcat permit numbers
- Fee Proposals

July 25 – NR  
July 26 – CR (Thursday)  
July 31 – SR  
Aug 1 – SER  
Aug 2 – NER

**August**

**Board meeting August 30**

- Cougar hunt tables and permit numbers
- Bobcat permit numbers
- Fee Proposals
- Expo Permit Allocation
- Expo Permit Audit

No RAC meetings scheduled.

**September**

**RAC meetings:**

- Fishing Recommendations and Guidebook

4 – CR  
5 – NR  
11 – SR  
12 – SER  
13 – NER

**Board meeting September 27**

- Fishing Recommendations and Guidebook –2019

- 2019 meeting dates approval
- Conservation permit Allocation 1 yr
- Conservation permit Allocation 3 yr ( scheduled for 2018)
- Conservation permit annual report
- Conservation permit audit

**November –**

**RAC meetings:**

- Big Game 2019 Hunt Tables and Dates
- CWMU Management Plans
- CWMU Rule Amendments
- CWMU and Landowner Permit Recommendations
- Bighorn Sheep Management Plan
- Mtn. Goat Management Plan
- 2019 Waterfowl Recommendations

6 – CR

7 – NR

13 – SR

14 – SER

15 – NER

**Board meeting November 29:**

- Big Game 2019 Hunt Tables and Dates
- CWMU Management Plans
- CWMU Rule Amendments
- CWMU and Landowner Permit Recommendations
- Bighorn Sheep Management Pan
- Mtn. Goat Management Plan
- 2019 Waterfowl Recommendations

**December –**

**RAC meetings:**

- Bear hunt tables and permit numbers
- Falconry Recommendations

4 – CR

5 – NR

11 – SRO

12 – SERO

13 –NERO

**January -**

**Board Meeting Thursday, January 10, 2019:**

- Bear hunt tables and permit numbers
- Falconry Recommendations

**Draft 2018 RAC & BOARD MEETING TIME LINE (Revised 08/24/2017)**

RAC Meeting Month	Agenda Item	Rule 5 Year Lapse Date	Mngrs Mtg (TBA by program mgr.)	Regional Recs Due to Program Coordinator (Mondays) - 2 wks to Brown Bag -	Review Program Recs with Director- no later than	Brown Bag (Tuesdays)	Final Draft Due to Rules Coord. for mailing	Powerpoints Due to Rules Coordinator	RAC Meetings	Board Meeting (Thursdays)	Application Period	Comments
December	Bear Recommendations & Guidebook 2018			10/23	11/6	11/7	11/9	11/30	12/5-14	01/11/2018	Feb.	3-yr guidebook started 2012
January	No meetings											
February	No meetings											
March	No meetings											
April	Big Game Permit Numbers for 2018 season			03/05	03/12	03/13	03/15	03/30	03/27-28-04/3-5	04/26		RAC order is CR, NR, then SR, SER, NER
April	LOA Plan and Rule Amendments			03/05	03/12	03/13	03/15	03/30	03/27-28-04/3-5	04/26		
April	CWMU Management Plans			03/05	03/12	03/13	03/15	03/30	03/27-28-04/3-5	04/26		
April	CWMU Rule Amendments			03/05	03/12	03/13	03/15	03/30	03/27-28-04/3-5	04/26		
May	Fishing Informational - Online Survey			03/26	04/09	04/10	04/13	04/27	5/1-10	05/31		
May	Upland Game and Turkey hunt tables and			03/26	04/09	04/10	04/13	04/27	5/1-10	05/31	July	3-yr guidebook started
May	Wildlife Projects Informational (RACs only)			03/26	04/09	04/10	04/13	04/27	5/1-10	05/31		
May	Conservation Permit List - 1yr and 3yr permits (Board Only) (3yr in 2018)			03/26	04/09	04/10	04/13	04/27	5/1-10	05/31		
June	No meetings											
July	Cougar hunt tables and permit numbers			06/25	07/09	07/10	07/13	07/20	07/25-08/2	08/30	WAFWA	RAC order is NR, CR on Thursday, then SR, SER, NER
July	Bobcat Permit Numbers			06/25	07/09	07/10	07/13	07/20	07/25-08/2	08/30	Oct.	
July	Proposed Fee Schedule			06/25	07/09	07/10	07/13	07/20	07/25-08/2	08/30		
July	Expo Permit Allocation (Board Only)			06/25	07/09	07/10	07/13	07/20	07/25-08/2	08/30		
July	Expo Permits Audit (Board Only)			06/25	07/09	07/10	07/13	07/20	07/25-08/2	08/30		
August	No meetings											
September	Fishing Recommendations & Guidebook - 2018 - No recommendations for 2017			08/06	08/20	08/21	08/24	08/31	09/04-13	09/27	2yr guidebook 2017-2018	RAC order is CR, NR, then SR, SER, NER
September	Conservation Permit Audit - 1yr permits (Board Only)			08/06	08/20	08/21	08/24	08/31	09/04-13	09/27		
September	Conservation Permit Allocation - 1yr Permits (Board Only)			08/06	08/20	08/21	08/24	08/31	09/04-13	09/27		
September	Conservation Permit Allocation - 3yr Permits (Board Only) (happens in 2018)			08/06	08/20	08/21	08/24	08/31	09/04-13	09/27		
September	Conservation Permit Annual Report (Board Only)			08/06	08/20	08/21	08/24	08/31	09/04-13	09/27		
September	Board Approves 2018 Meeting Dates (Board Only)			08/06	08/20	08/21	08/24	08/31	09/04-13	09/27		

October	No meetings											
November	Big Game 2018 Hunt Tables and Dates		10/01	10/15	10/16	10/19	11/2	11/6-15	11/29			RAC order is CR, NR, then SR, SER, NER
November	Big Game Rule		10/01	10/15	10/16	10/19	11/2	11/6-15	11/29			RAC order is CR, NR, then SR, SER, NER
November	CWMU and Landowner Permit Recommendations		10/01	10/15	10/16	10/19	11/2	11/6-15	11/29			
November	Bighorn Sheep Plan (statewide)		10/01	10/15	10/16	10/19	11/2	11/6-15	11/29			
November	Mtn. Goat Plan (statewide)		10/01	10/15	10/16	10/19	11/2	11/6-15	11/29			
November	CR Deer Unit Plans		10/01	10/15	10/16	10/19	11/2	11/6-15	11/29			
November	Waterfowl Recommendations		10/01	10/15	10/16	10/19	11/2	11/6-15	11/29			
December	Falconry Recommendations		10/22	11/5	11/6	11/9	11/30	12/4-13	01/10/2019			RAC order is CR, NR then SR, SER, NER
December	Bear hunt tables, permit numbers & Guidebook		10/22	11/5	11/6	11/9	11/30	12/4-13	01/10/2019	Feb.		